

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 42 follows:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus comprising:

- a) first communication means conformed to a first communication standard;
- b) second communication means conformed to a second communication standard

different from the first communication standard; and

- c) a control unit coupled to said first and second communication means,

wherein said first communication means is capable of detecting whether or not another apparatus is disconnected from said first communication means,

wherein said control unit is capable of setting said second communication means in an active state, if said first communication means detects that another apparatus is disconnected from said first communication means when said second communication means is in an inactive state, and

wherein said second communication means is capable of being used to communicate with another apparatus when said second communication means is set in the active state, and is not capable of being used to communicate with another apparatus when said second communication means is set in the inactive state.

29-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard.

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 28, further comprising a video signal processing unit coupled to said first and second communication means, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to said first or second communication means.

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

36-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a communication apparatus that includes first communication means for conformed to a first communication standard, and second communication means conformed to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting using the first communication means whether or not another apparatus is disconnected from the first communication means; and

setting the second communication means in an active state, if the first communication means detects that another apparatus is disconnected from the first communication means when the second communication means is in an inactive state,

wherein the second communication means is capable of being used to communicate with another apparatus when the second communication means is set in the active state, and is not capable of being used to communicate with another apparatus when the second communication means is set in the inactive state.

43-45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said control unit is capable of setting said second communication means in the inactive state, if said first communication means detects that another apparatus is connected to said first communication means when said second communication means is in the active state.

47. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 46, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

48. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE1394 standard.

49. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the communication apparatus includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication means, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first and second communication means.

50. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

51. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 48, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

52. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, further comprising the step of:

setting the second communication means in the inactive state, if the first communication means detects that another apparatus is connected to the first communication means when the second communication means is in the active state.

53. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 52, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

54. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 35, further comprising a video signal processing unit coupled to said first and second communication means, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to said first or second communication means.

55. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 47, further comprising a video signal processing unit coupled to said first and second communication means, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to said first or second communication means.

56. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 51, wherein the communication apparatus includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication means, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first or second communication means.

57. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 53, wherein the communication apparatus includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication means, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first or second communication means.